

March 22, 2000

Farish Street Blues Museum, Inc.  
Attn: Mr. Gregg Woodcox  
405 Farish Street  
Jackson, MS 39202-3210

Dear Mr. Woodcox:

Mississippi has a rich history of talented artists: writers, actors, musician, poets and artists. This wealth of talent in Mississippi isn't in the water or in the soil, it is in our blood. We need to foster this wealth of talent in our children, give them the freedom to explore their talents and give them the support to become the next great artists from this great state. Programs and activities supported by the Farish Street Blues Museum will help insure Mississippi's future artist have our support.

Congress has tried to eliminate almost all Federal funding for the Arts and Humanities. The Arts and Humanities are so important to us as Mississippians and as People. They give us our identity. They exercise our mind. The Farish Street Blues Museum should be commended for their efforts to encourage and provide opportunities for the children of Mississippi. I appreciate your dedication to the promotion of the Arts and Humanities in Mississippi.

Very truly yours,

RONNIE MUSGROVE

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